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SUBJECT: JCSD TRIP TO KRASNODAR, 18-21 SEPTEMBER 2001

1. SUMMARY: JCSD REPRESENTATIVES SFC JOYA GOODEN AND CPT(P) DAVE WILLIS TRAVELED FROM MOSCOW TO KRASNODAR, RUSSIA, FROM 18-21 SEPTEMBER 2001 TO MEET WITH SOVIET VETERANS AND OTHERS POSSIBLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT U.S. MIAS FROM THE KOREAN, VIETNAM, AND COLD WARS. THE TEAM CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS WITH ONE KOREAN WAR VETERAN AND ONE JOURNALIST WHO REPORTEDLY HAD INFORMATION REGARDING VIETNAM WAR MIAS. THE TEAM ALSO ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CIVILIAN ORGANIZATIONS WHO PLEDGED THEIR ASSISTANCE.

2. ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2001, THE TEAM ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT IVAN KLIMOVICH SEMENENKO, A FORMER SOVIET PILOT WHO IS THOUGHT TO HAVE HAD TIES TO THE BLAGOVESHCHENSKY GROUP, A UNIT FORMED TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON FOREIGN AIRCRAFT AND TECHNOLOGY DURING THE KOREAN WAR. THE TEAM MADE TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH A WOMAN WHO SAID SHE WAS SEMENENKO'S WIFE. SHE SAID THAT SEMENENKO DID SERVE IN KOREA DURING THE WAR BUT PASSED AWAY IN 1961. THE WOMAN PROVIDED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

3. ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2001, THE TEAM VISITED THE KRASNODAR CITY DUMA AND MET WITH BORIS NIKOLAEVICH STAROSELSKIY, CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, 350000 KRASNODAR, ULITSA KRASNAYA 122 (3RD FLOOR, ROOM 94); TELEPHONE 007(8612) 59-05-55; FAX 007(8612) 57-31-07; E-MAIL STARLE@KRD.RU. STAROSELSKIY SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION SEND A LETTER DIRECTLY TO NIKOLAI V. PRIZ, MAYOR OF KRASNODAR, 350000 KRASNODAR, ULITSA KRASNAYA 122; TELEPHONE 007(8612) 55-43-48; E-MAIL PRIZ@KRD.RU, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING PHONE NUMBERS OF VETERANS OF ALL WARS. STAROSELSKIY ALSO INTRODUCED THE TEAM TO VIKTOR DMITRIEVICH TABACHNIK, A MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VETERANS' MOVEMENT AND MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, 350000 KRASNODAR, ULITSA KRASNAYA 122 (ROOM 52A); TELEPHONE 007(8612) 55-95-37. THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, VLADIMIR EVGENIEVICH TERYUKHOV (SAME ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER), WAS NOT PRESENT. TABACHNIK TELEPHONED SEVERAL ASSOCIATES AND REACHED ONE MEMBER OF A VETERANS' ORGANIZATION, WHO AGREED TO COMPILE A LIST OF LOCAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS BY THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THE TEAM RECEIVED A LIST ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2001 THAT INCLUDED THE NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THREE KOREAN WAR VETERANS WHO HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED. THESE NAMES INCLUDED KRISHCHEV, VLADIMIR ILYICH, KHUTOR LENINA, ULITSA MOLODEZHNYAYA 43, TELEPHONE 007(8612) 38-94-44; KRIVODED, VIKTOR VASILIEVICH, TELEPHONE 007(8612) 33-72-85; PECHERITSA, BORIS PETROVICH, CORNER MIRA AND KRASNOARMEYSKIY, TELEPHONE 007(8612) 68-17-89. TABACHNIK ALSO PROVIDED CONTACT INFORMATION FOR DMITRIY MIKHAYLOVICH SHABANOV, DIRECTOR OF THE SOVIET VETERANOV, ULITSA LENINA 64, TELEPHONE 007(8612) 68-25-25.

4. ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2001, THE TEAM INTERVIEWED IKAR NIKOLAEVICH GULYY, ULITSA GARGARINA 137, APARTMENT 79, TELEPHONE 007 (8612) 68-55-66, AT HIS DACHA OUTSIDE KRASNODAR. GULYY IS A KOREAN WAR VETERAN WHO SERVED IN THE 162ND AND 176TH FIGHTER AVIATION REGIMENTS AND IS CREDITED WITH SHOOTING DOWN ONE GLOSTER-METEOR 4 AND ONE F-86. GULYY, AGE 78, WAS OPEN TO TALKING ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES DURING THE KOREAN WAR BUT ADDED LITTLE NEW INFORMATION. HE SAID THAT THE ONE F-86 HE SHOT DOWN CRASHED INTO THE BAY, AND GENERALLY PILOTS WERE PICKED UP BY RESCUE FLIGHTS. HE KNEW LITTLE ABOUT SEARCH GROUPS, STATING ONLY THAT THESE GROUPS WERE GENERALLY DISPATCHED TO FIND DOWNED AIRCRAFT, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW THEY WERE FORMED. GULYY SAID THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF OR CONTACT WITH U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS, BUT HE DID STATE THAT HE SAW THE IDENTIFICATION CARD OF A PILOT WHO HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY SUBBOTIN AFTER A MID-AIR COLLISION. GULYY INSISTED THAT THIS PILOT WAS A GERMAN, NOT AN AMERICAN. GULYY DID NOT RECALL THE PILOT'S NAME. (COMMENT: THE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT INDICATE THAT THE PILOT IN QUESTION WAS WILLIAM DELBERT CRONE.)

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GULYY CLAIMED THAT THE CHINESE ALONE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING PRISONERS.

5. GULYY REVEALED THAT A JOURNALIST FROM KAZAKHSTAN HAD CONTACTED HIM FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE KOREAN WAR. GULYY BELIEVED THAT THIS JOURNALIST IS NOW LOCATED IN MAIKOP, A CITY IN THE KRASNODAR REGION. THIS INFORMATION IS CONSISTENT WITH STATEMENTS MADE TO GOODEN AND BLASSER BY INTERVIEWEES IN ODESSA LAST YEAR. GULYY INSTRUCTED HIS SON, IGOR IKAROVICH GULYY, TO RETRIEVE A LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THIS JOURNALIST FROM HIS APARTMENT IN THE CITY AND PROVIDE THE TEAM WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE JOURNALIST. HIS SON WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE THE INFORMATION, HOWEVER HE CONTACTED THE TEAM AND AGREED TO CONTINUE LOOKING FOR THE INFORMATION. HE REQUESTED THAT THE MOSCOW OFFICE CONTACT HIM PERIODICALLY TO CHECK ON HIS PROGRESS.

6. ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2001, THE TEAM VISITED THE KRASNODAR CITY SOVET VETERANOV AND MET WITH VLADIMIR VASILIEVICH POZDYSHKIN, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL DISABLED VETERANS' ORGANIZATION, 350000 KRASNODAR, ULITSA KIROVA 138, ROOM 324, TELEPHONE 007(8612) 59-09-96. POZDYSHKIN EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO CONTACT U.S. ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH DISABLED VETERANS' ISSUES, AND HE AGREED TO ASSIST THE TEAM IN FINDING VETERANS IN THE KRASNODAR AREA. HE ALSO INTRODUCED THE TEAM TO THE DIRECTOR OF HIS ORGANIZATION, VITALIY IVANOVICH MASLENNIKOV, WHO PLEDGED HIS ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING RUSSIAN VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS. POZDYSHKIN ACCOMPANIED THE TEAM TO THE LOCAL VOENKOMAT (MILITARY COMMISSARIAT, OR LOCAL DRAFT BOARD) AND FACILITATED THE TEAM'S ENTRANCE. THROUGH POZDYSHKIN'S HELP, THE TEAM RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP US LOCATE THREE VETERANS WHOSE NAMES HAD SURFACED IN OUR WORK IN THE CENTRAL ARCHIVES OF THE RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AT PODOLSK.

7. POZDYSHKIN ALSO PROVIDED THE TEAM WITH CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KRASNODAR KRAY ORGANIZATION OF JUVENILES IMPRISONED IN FASCIST CAMPS, LYUDMILA GRIGORIEVNA VASILEVA, TELEPHONE NUMBER 007(8612) 62-19-92. SHE IS AVAILABLE AT THIS NUMBER ON MONDAYS FROM 0900-1400 AND MAY HAVE INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION, POZDYSHKIN SAID.

8. ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2001, THE TEAM LOCATED IVAN GREGORYEVICH FEDORENKO, A JOURNALIST WHO WAS INTERVIEWED REPEATEDLY BY JCSD AND THE RUSSIAN SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION IN 1993-94. HE IS THE HEAD OF THE KUBAN "MEMORIAL" SOCIETY OF VICTIMS OF POLITICAL REPRESSION, 350048 KRASNODAR, PO BOX 3967, TELEPHONE 007(8612) 62-22-32. FEDORENKO PRESENTED A 16 JUN 93 LETTER THAT HE SENT TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IN WHICH HE IDENTIFIED TWO VIETNAM WAR-ERA POWS WHOM HE CLAIMED WERE BURIED IN A MASS GRAVE IN KRASNODAR. HE PRESENTED A SECOND DOCUMENT THAT LISTS THE NAMES OF 32 INDIVIDUALS WHOM FEDORENKO SAYS DIED IN COMBAT ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. HE IMPLIED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL, ARE BURIED IN KRASNODAR. (COMMENT: NONE OF THE NAMES ON EITHER DOCUMENT CORRELATES TO ACTUAL CASES OF MISSING-IN-ACTION AMERICANS FROM THE VIETNAM WAR.)

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